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Russell Reeves
First Security Bank
405 South Main
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

Re: Authorization to Release Certificate of Deposit Thomas American Stone, Inc.,
M/003/024, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Reeves:

In October, 1997, Thomas American Stone, Inc. (a.k.a. Star Stone Quarries, Inc.) posted a \$29,000 reclamation surety with this Division in the form of a Certificate of Deposit # . This certificate was issued by First Security Bank. The Certificate was posted for reclamation of their Cotton Thomas Mine,. Since that time, the project has been revised and a replacement surety bond has been received.

At this time, the Division hereby authorizes First Security Bank to release the \$29,000 Certificate of Deposit back to Thomas American Stone, Inc. We have returned the original Certificate of Deposit to Lon Thomas, Star Stone Quarries, Inc.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg at 538-5286.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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cc: Lon Thomas, Star Stone Quarries
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